



## **Tips for Success: Fulbright Scholarship Priority Program Fields for Papua New Guinea, Solomon Islands, and Vanuatu**

*The Fulbright Graduate Scholarship Program gives priority to the following graduate fields of study in Papua New Guinea, Solomon Islands, and Vanuatu. These academic fields advance the foreign policy goals and programs of the United States in the three countries within the bilateral partnerships.*

### **Democratic Institution Building**

- **Public Policy and Public Administration:** Public policy refers to the process of making organizational decisions and political, management, financial, and administrative policies to meet established goals. Public administration is the study and use of government policy including both government and non-governmental management. These two different fields of study are closely linked and have come together over time. Graduate programs can lead to a master of public administration (MPA) or a master of public policy (MPA). Graduate students usually will choose among a variety of degree concentrations in the field of public policy and administration such as criminal justice, community development, economic development, education, environmental policy, finance, information technology, non-profit management, or urban management. Priority areas of consideration under this academic field for the U.S. Fulbright graduate scholarship program in Papua New Guinea, Vanuatu, and Solomon Islands include policy implementation and prevention of trafficking in persons and gender policy issues. For more information, please read [https://www.educationusa.info/5\\_steps\\_to\\_study/PublicPolicy.pdf](https://www.educationusa.info/5_steps_to_study/PublicPolicy.pdf)
- **Non-profit Management:** This field offers a professional graduate degree providing training in the administration of nonprofit organizations. Due to the astonishing growth of the nonprofit sector over the past three decades in the United States and the equally rapid growth of nongovernmental organizations internationally, the sector has professionalized. This degree is distinct from a Master of Business Administration and a Master of Public Administration due to the nonprofit sector's unique funding and management structures. Service to a broader public mission is a feature shared by both the government and nonprofit sectors, so it is not surprising that a majority of the nation's nonprofit administration programs have emerged from schools of public administration or public policy. Graduate students can concentrate on a particular field depending on the university program offerings. Concentrations include community development planning, environmental sustainability, international development, nonprofit entrepreneurship, marketing and development, public relations and advocacy, and education and social services, among many others.
- **Communications/Journalism:** Journalism is the practice of gathering facts and informing the public about local, state, national, and international affairs. Journalists are responsible for reporting, writing, and editing articles for publication or broadcast. Students pursuing a graduate program in journalism and communications may earn a master of arts (MA) or a master of science (MS) in journalism, communication, or a combination thereof. Degree titles vary by institution and academic program. Graduate students usually will choose among a variety of degree concentrations in the field of journalism such as public relations, publishing, editing, global communications, communications and technology, writing, and communication technology and policy. Appropriate candidates include those who want to use media in all its current forms to facilitate global development for their country. For more information, please read [https://www.educationusa.info/5\\_steps\\_to\\_study/Journalism&MassComm.pdf](https://www.educationusa.info/5_steps_to_study/Journalism&MassComm.pdf)

- **Political Science and International Relations:** Political science is the study of the origin, development, and operation of political systems and public policy. International relations programs incorporate these concepts and apply them on a global scale, focusing more exclusively on foreign policy and cross-cultural issues. Both degrees are interdisciplinary and incorporate a variety of subjects into their curriculum including history, economics, theory, and government. Students pursuing a graduate program in political science or international relations may earn master of arts (MA). Graduate students usually will choose among a variety of degree concentrations in the field of political science/international relations such as international development, international relations/affairs, comparative politics, political philosophy and theory, and political science. For more information, please read [https://www.educationusa.info/5\\_steps\\_to\\_study/PoliticalScienceandIR.pdf](https://www.educationusa.info/5_steps_to_study/PoliticalScienceandIR.pdf)

## Public Health

- **Public Health Policy and Management:** Public health is the science and art of protecting and improving the health of communities through education, promotion of healthy lifestyles, and research for disease and injury prevention. Public health helps improve the health and wellbeing of people in local communities and around the globe. Graduate programs in public health can lead to degrees including a master of public health (MPH) or master of science in public health (MSPH). Coursework generally focuses on disciplines such as administration, epidemiology, environmental health, biostatistics, health policy, and behavioral health. Priority areas of consideration under this academic field for the U.S. Fulbright graduate scholarship program in Papua New Guinea, Vanuatu, and Solomon Islands include HIV/AIDS policy and prevention, as well as mental health, social work and counseling related to gender-based violence and substance abuse. For more information, please read [https://www.educationusa.info/5\\_steps\\_to\\_study/WhatisPublicHealth.pdf](https://www.educationusa.info/5_steps_to_study/WhatisPublicHealth.pdf)

## Education

- **Educational Administration, Planning, and Policy:** A degree in the field of education offers skill development to teachers, counselors, and administrators of educational programs. Graduate programs in education lead to a master of arts (MA) or a master of education (EdM). Degree titles vary by institution and academic program. Graduate students in education will choose among a variety of specialized subjects such as adult education and organizational learning; applied linguistics; comparative and international education; curriculum and teaching; early childhood education; education policy; elementary education; gifted education; motor learning; music education; psychology in education; special education; and teaching English as a second language. In addition to coursework specific to the concentration, most degree programs also include a professional training period in the chosen topic. For more information, please read [https://www.educationusa.info/5\\_steps\\_to\\_study/Education.pdf](https://www.educationusa.info/5_steps_to_study/Education.pdf)